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Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Programme 3. Peacekeeping operations

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. Regulation 4.13 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as necessary to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by intergovernmental organs and international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 proposed in the annex are as follows: modification of the overall orientation (para. 3.3) and of subprogramme 1 (paras. 3.7 and 3.8), subprogramme 2 (title and paras. 3.9-3.13) and subprogramme 3 (paras. 3.15, 3.17 and 3.18) and the addition of a new subprogramme 4, Mine action coordination. The revision to the overall orientation and subprogrammes 1 to 3 and the addition of a new subprogramme 4 reflect action taken by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/225 and 56/241 of 24 December 2001 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and resolution 56/253 of the same date on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Consultations were carried out with the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations during its substantive sessions in 2002.

4. The medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and issued as document A/55/6/Rev.1. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 (Introduction), A/56/6 (Sects. 1-33), A/56/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/56/6/Corr.1. It was revised and approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001.

5. In the proposed revisions, new text to be inserted appears in boldface type, and text to be deleted appears in strikeout type. An explanation of the changes is provided in italic type within brackets.

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Annex

Proposed revisions to programme 3, Peacekeeping operations

Overall orientation

3.3 The Department will ensure a continuous flow of information to and from Member States in all phases of peacekeeping operations, disseminate information to troop contributors in an effective and timely manner to enable them to make informed decisions on their participation in peacekeeping operations, continue to develop and implement innovative strategies for the participation of female personnel on ~~a broad~~ **as wide a** geographical basis **as possible**, in all aspects of peacekeeping operations, **but without affecting the troop-contributing countries in taking their sovereign decisions on the composition of their units deployed to peacekeeping operations within the mission's specific guidelines and as agreed upon by troop-contributing countries**, and maintain cooperation with other related activities of the United Nations system. Particular attention will be given to enhancing the safety and security of peacekeepers in the field. *[changes reflect annex I to resolution 56/253 in respect of paragraph 5.3 of the budget, revised to fit the language of the medium-term plan]*

Subprogramme 1 Operations

Expected accomplishments

3.7 Expected accomplishments would include the reduction and/or cessation of hostilities in areas of conflict through the fulfilment of Security Council mandates where peacekeeping operations are deployed **and an increased understanding and recognition of gender issues in peacekeeping operations.** *[changed to align with table 5.9, item (b), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

3.8 Indicators of achievement would include an **increase in the number** ~~enumeration~~ of instances of compliance by the parties to conflict with Security Council mandates; **an increase in the number of instances of compliance by the parties to conflict with** ~~or~~ ceasefire and peace agreements that the parties to conflict reach among themselves; **and the extent to which gender issues are identified and addressed in peacekeeping missions.** *[changed to align with table 5.9 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 56/253]*

Subprogramme 2 Mission support ~~Field administration, logistics support and mine action coordination~~

[Reflects a change in nomenclature whereby the Office of Mission Support and the Mine Action Service replaced the Office of Logistics, Management and Mine Action and the organizational structure was changed so that the responsibility for mine action coordination was transferred from subprogramme 2 to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mine action coordination is being proposed as a new subprogramme 4. The objectives, strategy, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement related to mine action coordination are thus proposed to be transferred to the new subprogramme.]

Objective

3.9 The objective of the subprogramme is to ensure timely and effective administrative and logistical support to peacekeeping operations, as well as other activities in the field authorized by the United Nations~~, and an effective, proactive and coordinated response to threats from landmines and unexploded ordnance~~. *[moved to new subprogramme 4]*

Strategy

3.10 Within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the **Office of Mission Support** ~~Field Administration and Logistics Division and the Mine Action Service~~. *[due to change in*

nomenclature and organizational structure. See also General Assembly resolutions 56/225 and 56/241]

Move paragraph 3.11 to proposed new subprogramme 4 (see para. 3.19 below).

Renumber old paragraphs 3.12 to 3.18 accordingly.

Expected accomplishments

3.11 *[old paragraph 3.12]* Expected accomplishments would include ~~improved~~ **increased** operational readiness **through better planning and deployment** ~~and effective management~~ of field missions **and better management of field missions by meeting their needs.** ~~and the reduction of landmine and unexploded ordnance contamination~~. *[changed to align with table 5.11, items (a) and (b), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

3.12 *[old paragraph 3.13]* Indicators of achievement would include ~~a reduction in the time lag between the adoption of resolutions and the deployment of civilian personnel and equipment to field missions;~~ **the degree of completeness of mission start-up kits; an increased percentage of field missions receiving immediate operational requirements on the required date;** a reduction in the duration of the liquidation process; **and the** timeliness ~~in~~ **of** the processing **and settling** of claims **of troop-contributing countries by the Claims and Information Management Section of the Office of Mission Support.** ~~; and increased mine action capacity in countries where mines constitute a serious threat.~~ *[changed to align with table 5.11, items (a) and (b), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253, and in annex I to the resolution]*

Subprogramme 3
Military and civilian police advice and planning

Strategy

3.14 *[old paragraph 3.15]* Within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Military **Division** and **the** Civilian Police Division. *[The remainder of the paragraph is unchanged. Change is due to the revised nomenclature and organizational structure. See also General Assembly resolutions 56/225 and 56/241.]*

Expected accomplishments

3.16 *[old paragraph 3.17]* Expected accomplishments would include ~~rapid response in the deployment of trained~~ **the effective establishment of** military and civilian police **components** ~~to~~ **of** peacekeeping operations and ~~operational readiness in responding to various conflict situations~~ **improved capacity for decision-making on military and civilian police components of peacekeeping missions**. *[changed to align with table 5.13 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

3.17 *[old paragraph 3.18]* Indicators of achievement would include a reduction in **response time for** the ~~amount of time involved in the recruitment and~~ deployment of military and civilian police **components; an increase in the number of Member States contributing to the standby arrangements; increased consultations with Member States; and increased utilization of the standby arrangement system**. *[changed to align with table 5.13 of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Subprogramme 4
Mine action coordination *[New]*

Objective

Add a new paragraph 3.18 as follows:

3.18 The objective of the subprogramme is to ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated response to threats from landmines and unexploded ordnance. *[derived from paragraph 3.9 of the medium-term plan]*

Strategy

Insert old paragraph 3.11, as revised below, as new paragraph 3.19:

3.19 Within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Mine Action Service. The subprogramme will ensure an effective, proactive and coordinated United Nations response to mine

infestation throughout the Organization's humanitarian, social and economic assistance activities. It will serve as the focal point within the United Nations system for mine-related activities, namely, facilitation of a coherent and constructive dialogue between the United Nations and relevant actors on mine clearance, awareness and assistance; the collection, analysis and dissemination, through transparent and recognized sources, of mine-related information, including information on safety standards; advocacy to promote awareness of the serious threat that the indiscriminate use of landmines constitutes to the safety, health and lives of local populations; and the development and implementation of a comprehensive resource mobilization strategy. It will, in coordination with other organizations in the United Nations system, develop policies on the establishment of mine-clearance capacities in countries requesting a reduction in landmine contamination where mines constitute a serious threat to the safety, health and lives of the population. Assessment missions and surveys will be undertaken to establish priorities and oversight. Where appropriate, the subprogramme will develop mine-action programmes in support of peacekeeping missions and, as required, initiate mine-action plans in humanitarian emergencies.

Expected accomplishments

Add a new paragraph 3.20 as follows:

3.20 Expected accomplishments would include the reduction of the threat posed by landmines and unexploded ordnance in affected countries. *[derived from paragraph 3.12 of the medium-term plan and table 5.11, item (c), of budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Indicators of achievement

Add a new paragraph 3.21 as follows:

3.21 Indicators of achievement would include clearer knowledge of the global landmine and unexploded ordnance threat and an increased capacity for mine action in affected countries. *[derived from paragraph 3.13 of the medium-term plan and table 5.11, item (c), of the budget, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/253]*

Legislative mandates

Programme 3
Peacekeeping operations

General Assembly resolutions

~~53/12~~ **55/271**	Support account for peacekeeping operations
~~54/81~~ **56/225 and 56/241**	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Subprogramme 4
Mine action coordination ***[New]***

General Assembly resolutions

~~54/191~~ **56/219**	Assistance in mine action